

# HOT PRESENTATION TIPS

Note: High Quality Foods Can Be Ruined Through Improper Handling & Preparation.

### \*BATCH COOKING

- -Cooking and Preparation of Food Should Occur Throughout All Lunches.
- -Food Should Not Be Cooked Early in the Morning for All Meal Periods.
- -Food Should Be as Fresh as Possible Before Each Scheduled Lunch Period.

#### \*HOT FOOD HOT! COLD FOOD COLD!

- -Hot Food Should Always Be Merchandised & Stored In, or Under, Heated Equipment.
- -Serve One Customer at a Time!

(Do Not Pre-Plate Food Ahead of Time & Let it Sit on Top of Serving Area Waiting for Customers; Food Becomes Cold. Your Students Do Not Want First Meals That You Have Portioned as They Fear These Will be Cold. The First Meals Become Colder & Colder as They Get Pushed Forward on the Line.)

-Cold Food Should Be Displayed In, or Stored In, Refrigerated or Iced Units.

#### \*SMALL PANS

-Present Food in Small 4" or 2" pans. Refill Pans as Needed. (This Strategy Keeps Food as Fresh as Possible & Retains Quality of Food. Food is Visible; Not Lost & Out of Sight.)

-Clean Edges of Pans on Serving Lines Frequently. Serving Lines for All Lunch Periods Should Look Like You Just Opened Up for Service.

#### \*COLD SANDWICHES

-Wrap, Open Face, with Lettuce --- More Eye Appealing (Easier to Identify; Customers Can Select Their Preferred Variety with Ease)

#### \*FRUIT

- -Display Fresh Fruit in Wire or Wicker Baskets
- -Place Cupped or Pre-Portioned Fruit & Dessert on Colorful Sheet Pans or Trays
- -Alternate Rows of Cupped Fruit & Desserts Based on Color for a Visual, Eye-Appealing Effect
- -Display "Help Your Self" Chilled Fruit in Decorative or Colored Bowls ---- Not Stainless!
- \*\*\*\*\*\* **INSTRUCTOR DEMO:** Show ½ of a fresh apple & ½ of a fresh orange in soufflé cup; Colorful & orange protects apple from turning brown

## \*SALAD BAR

- -Be Sure Crocks are Full so Food is Visible & Eye Appealing.
- -Use Smaller Crocks if Necessary.

## \*GRAB 'N' GO OR EXPRESS SALADS

- -Clump Individual Components ----- Highlights Color Vibrance & Emphasizes Contrast of Colors.
- -Display in Plastic Containers (Examples: Chicken Caesar Salad, Spinach, Shrimp Popper, Garden, Fruit 'N' Yogurt...)
- \*\*\*\*\*\* **INSTRUCTOR DEMO:** Show difference of chopped carrots and tomatoes in piles vs. if they were simply sprinkled on a salad.